

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, March 12, 2001

### SENATE

#### Measure Introduced:

**S. 514.** A bill to *amend title 18 of the United States Code* to provide for reciprocity in regard to the manner in which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in that State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Smith

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#### S. 420. Bankruptcy Reform:

*Senate resumed consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:*

*Pages S 2142-59, D 197*

##### Pending:

**Schumer Amendment No. 25**, to ensure that the bankruptcy code is not used to exacerbate the effects of certain illegal predatory lending practices.

*Pages S 2142, D 197*

**Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 27**, to place a \$2,500 cap on any credit card issued to a minor, unless the minor submits an application with the signature of his parents or guardian indicating joint liability for debt or the minor submits financial information indicating an independent means or an ability to repay the debt that the card accrues.

*Pages S 2142, S 2158-9, D 197*

**Leahy Amendment No. 20**, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income.

*Pages S 2142, D 197*

**Conrad Modified Amendment No. 29**, to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

*Pages S 2142, S 2153-4, S 2156-7, D 197*

**Sessions Amendment No. 32**, to establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds.

*Pages S 2142, D 197*

**Wellstone Amendment No. 35**, to clarify the duties of a debtor who is the plan administrator of an employee benefit plan.

*Pages S 2144-6, D 197*

**Wellstone Amendment No. 36**, to disallow certain claims and prohibit coercive debt collection practices.

*Pages S 2144-6, D 197*

**Kennedy Amendment No. 38**, to allow for reasonable medical expenses.

*Pages S 2147-9, D 197*

**Kennedy Amendment No. 39**, to remove the dollar limitation on retirement savings protected in bankruptcy.

*Pages S 2149-52, S 2157, D 197*

**Collins Amendment No. 16**, to provide family fishermen with the same kind of protections and terms as granted to family farmers under chapter 12 of the bankruptcy laws.

*Pages S 2154-6, S 2157, D 197*

#### S. 420. Bankruptcy Reform (Cont'd.):

***Leahy Amendment No. 41, to protect the identity of minor children in bankruptcy proceedings.***

*Pages S 2157-8, D 197*

*"...Indeed, bankruptcy records contain all kinds of highly sensitive personal, financial, and medical information. I didn't realize how much information was in there while preparing for the bill. I was amazed at the amount of personal, financial, and medical information. More and more, **Federal courts** are making these court records that contain the very highly sensitive personal, financial, and medical information available for all to see, without any privacy safeguards, and are available on the Internet..." (Leahy, pages S 2157-8)*

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, March 14, 2001.

*Pages S 2146-7, D 197*

**See Amendments Submitted And Proposed.**

*Pages S 2165-6*

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on or in relation to ***Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 27 and Kennedy Amendment No. 39 (both listed above)***, occur beginning at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

*Pages S 2159, D 197*

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that all first degree amendments must be filed by 1 p.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

*Pages S 2167, D 197*

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

*Pages S 2167, D 197*

**Committee Meetings For Tuesday, March 13, 2001:**

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** @ 2:30 p.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance and identifying populations that make up the uninsured and their unique characteristics that cause them to go without health coverage. SD-215.

**Committee on the Judiciary:** @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to the exemption of certain performances or displays for educational uses from copyright infringement provisions, to provide that the making of a single copy of such performances or displays is not an infringement. SD-226.

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**Committee Meetings Scheduled:**

**Committee on the Budget,** 3/14/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To resume hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002. SD-608.

**Committee on the Judiciary,** 3/14/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine drug treatment, education, and prevention programs. SD-226.

**Committee Meetings Scheduled (Cont'd.):**

**Committee on the Judiciary,** 3/15/01 @ TBA. *Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.*

***Room to be announced.***

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**Committee on the Judiciary**, 4/3/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law. SD-226.

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 4/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226.

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 5/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226.

**Committee on the Judiciary**, 5/8/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226.

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**Remark:**

**Internet Tax Moratorium And Equity Act.**

*"...The Internet Tax Freedom Act created the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce which was supposed to come up with a solution to this problem. Instead the Commission was hijacked by a small group who opted to demagogue this issue to further their 'anti-tax' agenda. The result was a year-long study of an issue with little in the form of useful recommendations..."*

Graham

*Pages S 2159-60*

**HOUSE**

**Reports Filed:**

**Reports were filed today as follows:**

**H.R. 90**, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made (House Report 107- 13);

**H.R. 860**, *Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act (House Report 107-14);*

**H.R. 861**, *Arbitration Technical Amendments (House Report 107-16);*

**H.R. 809**, Part 1, Antitrust Technical Corrections Act (House Report 107- 17, Part 1);

**S. 320**, Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act (House Report 107-18).

*Pages H 831, D 198*

**Executive Communication:**

**EC.-1184.** *A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting a report on the judiciary's courthouse construction requirements for FY 2002; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.*

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., March 13, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., March 13, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich**